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SUBJECT: CODEL DIGGS

REF: (A) STATE 62464 (B) USUN 1010

1. OSLO NEVER HAS ENOUGH HOTEL ROOMS AND IS VIRTUALLY INUNDATED AS A RESULT OF THE UN- OAU CONFERENCE HERE NEXT WEEK (APRIL 9-14) , HOTELS HAVING BEEN BOOKED LONG IN ADVANCE FOR THE EXPECTED 200- PLUS DELEGATES BY THE NORWEGIAN UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION, THE LOCAL HOST FOR THE CONFERENCE. ACCOMMODATIONS, THEREFORE, ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE GRAND, THE BRISTOL, AND THE CONTINENTAL, OSLO' S THREE LUXURY- CLASS HOTELS.

2. WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO BOOK TWO SINGLES WITH BATH AT THE NORUM HOTEL, WHICH IS FIRST CLASS AND IS USED FREQUENTLY BY THE EMBASSY TO ACCOMMODATE OFFICIAL VISITORS. WE HAVE ALSO RESERVED A CAR AND DRIVER (AT APPROXIMATELY DOLS 10 PER HOUR OF USE) FOR THE DURATION OF THE CODEL STAY IN OSLO.

3. WE HAVE INFORMED THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THE
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NORWEGIAN U. N. ASSOCIATION OF CONGRESSMAN DIGGS' PLANS TO BE IN OSLO, AND WE HAVE ARRANGED ALSO FOR CONGRESSMAN DIGGS AND MRS. BUTCHER TO HAVE PASSES TO THE PUBLIC GALLERY AT THE OPENING PLENARY SESSION ON MONDAY APRIL 9 .

4. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT CAN BE ARRANGED FOR THE REST OF THE WEEK, HOWEVER ; THERE SEEMS TO BE NO CATEGORY WHICH WOULD PERMIT CONGRESSMAN DIGGS TO ATTEND THE MAIN PART OF THE CONFERENCE. REF. (B) INDICATED THAT SINCE THE US HAD DECIDED NOT TO ATTEND, THE UN COULD NOT ACCOMMODATE THE CONGRESSMAN IN A " SEMI- OFFICIAL" CAPACITY; WE UNDERSTAND FROM THE SAME REF THAT THE " EXPERT" LIST COULD NOT BE OPENED FOR HIM AND THAT HE DID NOT , IN ANY EVENT, WISH TO ATTEND AS AN EXPERT. AND AS OF NOW, THERE IS NOT PROVISION FOR ANYONE TO HAVE " OBSERVER" STATUS, SINCE THE COMMITTEE SESSIONS ON TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND THURSDAY ARE SLATED TO BE CLOSED WORKING SESSIONS. THE FINAL MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED FOR LATER TODAY AND TOMORROW. UNLESS THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE REVERSES ITS PREVIOUS DECISIONS REGARDING PARTICIPATION AND CLOSED SESSIONS, THERE WILL BE NO WAY FOR THE CONGRESSMAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE BEYOND HAVING A PRESS CARD WHICH WOULD ADMIT HIM TO THE LIMITED CONFERENCE AREA BUT NOT TO THE COMMITTEE ROOMS.

5. IF PARTICIPATION IS OPENED UP (AND THIS WOULD OPEN A FLOOD GATE WHICH THE NORWEGIANS ARE TRYING DESPERATELY TO KEEP CLOSED FOR A LOT OF REASONS WHICH WE HAVE SUPPORTED, UP TO NOW AT LEAST), THEN WE UNDERSTAND THERE WOULD BE NO DIFFICULTY ACCREDITING THE CONGRESSMAN AND MRS. BUTCHER AS OBSERVERS. WE WILL KNOW ON THIS ONLY AT MIDDAY ON FRIDAY, ACCORDING TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

6. FSO HERBERT G. HAGERTY IS ASSIGNED CONTROL OFFICER.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: A) THAT THE DEPARTMENT INFORM CONGRESSMAN DIGGS THAT , AS ARRANGEMENTS NOW STAND, HE WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND ONLY THE OPENING PLENARY SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE ON APRIL 9 (AND PROBABLY THE CLOSING SESSION ON APRIL 14); B) THAT WE BE INFORMED WHETHER MRS. BUTCHER IS ALSO AUTHORIZED DOLS 50 PER DAY IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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